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Dear IDWR,

This is to address the proposal to include the Portneuf Tributary Basin into the ESPA. These are the reasons I believe that it should not be included:

- 1) The Portneuf River's contribution to the Snake river is through the surface water, not direct groundwater flow into the ESPA.
- 2) The lower Portneuf aquifer consists of gravel and boulders unlike the basalt dominated ESPA suggesting they are separate systems.
- 3) The Portneuf river has a minimal recharge contribution aggravated by evaporation loss through its travel.
- 5) The need for managing lower Portneuf water quality separate from the ESPA.

Senior water holders are treating Jr. water holders like an unlimited bank account when attention needs to be paid to unchecked development, bad water management, better recharge practices.


This will slowly become a case of West/East Germany, North/South Korea where one half lives in a dust bowl and the other half flourishes.

And just like an unlimited bank account the day will come when the account can no longer be drawn upon

and in that day the attention previously needed to good water management will come but it will be too late for those who now live in the dust bowl.

Sincerely,

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